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PANEL SHAPE LAYOUTS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith under U.S.C 371, please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by adding the Abstract of the Disclosure on the last page after the claims as shown in Attachment A, attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2 and 3 and add claim 4, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, as shown in Attachment B, attached herewith.